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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF BETHEL
FOR THE
Year Ending January 31st,
1898.



BETHEL, MAINE:
PRINTED AT THE NEWS OFFICE,
1898.

Town Officers.

Selectmen :

HENRY FARWELL,

J. C. BILLINGS,

C. E. BARKER.

Clerk,

L. T. BARKER.

Treasurer,

J. U. PURINGTON.

School Committee :

J. A. TWADDLE, *Superintendent,*

MRS. O. M. MASON,

N. F. BROWN,

FRANK A. BROWN,

J. S. HUTCHINS.

Town Agent,

A. E. HERRICK.

Collector,

C. M. WORMELL.

Auditor,

CALVIN BISBEE.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of Bethel would submit the following report for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1898:

Valuation.

Am't of resident real estate,	\$553,054	
“ “ non-resident real estate,	68,210	
Total real estate,		\$621,264
Am't of resident personal estate, . .	\$174,793	
“ “ non-resident “ “	2,175	
Total personal estate,		\$176,968
Total valuation,		\$798,232

Statistics of Personal Estate.

	No.	VALUE.
Horses,	684	\$28,332
3-year-old colts,	18	675
2 “ “ “	23	680
1 “ “ “	27	550
Cows,	669	13,485
Oxen,	37	1,400
3-year-old,	104	1,913
2 “ “	253	3,057
1 “ “	247	1,988
Sheep,	985	2,534
Swine,	183	1,139
Bank Stock,		22,740
Trust Co. Stock,		2,000
Water Company,		12,500
Money at interest,		17,450

Stock in trade,	36,100	
Logs and Lumber,	7,600	
Wood, Birch,	4,400	
Bicycles, 30	945	
Carriages, 147	5,020	
Furniture, 110	7,460	
Materials in stock,	2,000	
Machinery,	3,000	
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Total,		\$176,968

Appropriated and Assessed.

State Tax,	\$2,310 73
County Tax,	1,433 40
For Schools,	2,000 00
For support of poor,	1,200 00
Town debt and interest,	2,500 00
To b'ld road near C. C. Merrill's,	500 00
Town Officers,	800 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	300 00
Repairs of school-houses,	150 00
Text-Books,	150 00
Bethel Library,	50 00
Brown Post, G. A. R.,	40 00
Highways (money tax,)	500 00
Overlay,	292 89
Highway tax of 1896 returned,	118 56
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Total amount committed for collection, \$12,345 67

Rate per cent. of money tax .014 on the dollar.

No. of polls, 548. Poll tax, \$2.00.

Highways.

Rate per cent. of labor tax, .0025.

Labor poll tax, \$1.00

Amount of labor tax, \$2,500.

Town Farm Account.

Name and age of inmates and number of weeks' board furnished each :

Mrs. Dorcas Goodnow, aged 83, board furnished 52 weeks.
 Wm. Cook, " 38, " " 52 "

Total, 104 weeks.

Appraisal of Farm and Personal Property.

Town Farm,	\$2,000 00
2 cows,	65 00
3 3-year olds,	90 00
4 2-year olds,	55 00
2 shoats,	12 00
23 hens,	11 50
9 tons English hay,	90 00
9 tons meadow hay and straw,	50 00
50 bu. oats,	15 00
20 " corn on the ear,	6 00
3 " beans,	4 50
25 lbs. pork,	2 00
6 " butter,	1 20
7 " lard,	50
Groceries,	5 00
50 gal. vinegar,	10 00
2 meat barrels,	1 50
25 flour "	5 00
2 barrels apples,	5 00
20 gal. soap,	3 00
2 cider barrels,	2 00
1 dinner bell,	65
2 sprinklers,	75
1 mowing machine,	45 00

1 ox cart and rack,	20 00
1 farm wagon,	8 00
1 family wagon,	20 00
1 pr. ox sleds,	16 00
1 set horse sleds,	22 00
1 family sleigh,	10 00
1 horse rake,	10 00
1 wheelbarrow,	1 00
1 stone drag,	4 00
1 work harness,	13 00
1 sledge and 2 wedges,	1 30
2 harrows,	20 00
2 plows,	10 00
1 cultivator,	6 00
2 ox chains,	2 50
1 whiffle-tree and chain,	1 25
8 tie chains,	2 00
1 crow-bar,	50
6 scythe-snaths,	1 50
3 scythes,	1 50
1 hay knife,	1 50
3 rakes,	35
2 drag rakes,	50
4 hay forks,	1 50
2 manure forks,	1 00
4 shovels,	1 85
3 hoes,	50
2 potato diggers,	50
3 axes,	2 50
1 hand saw,	1 00
1 wood saw,	75
1 brace and bit,	1 00
1 wrench,	25
2 nail hammers,	1 00
1 draw shave,	1 75
1 grindstone,	3 00

1 ox yoke and bows,	2 50
99 tin sap buckets,	14 00
3 sap pans,	8 00
1 kettle,	3 00
3 sap holders,	2 00
1 pr. snow shoes,	50
24 chairs,	6 00
6 tables,	12 00
10 bedsteads,	12 00
4 stands,	1 00
13 puffs,	13 00
9 pillows,	6 00
5 blankets,	2 50
7 feather beds,	35 00
8 straw ticks,	5 00
22 sheets,	7 00
30 pillow slips,	2 00
4 chambers,	75
3 bureaus,	2 00
7 roller towels,	1 15
8 hand towels,	60
3 table cloths,	3 00
5 oil-cloths,	2 00
1 doz. napkins,	75
1 cook stove and furniture,	22 00
3 stoves,	5 00
1 butter worker,	1 50
1 churn,	2 50
1 two-quart dish,	10
25 tin pans,	4 00
3 tin pails,	1 00
2 wooden pails,	25
1 washboard,	25
5 basins,	50
1 dustpan,	20
1 porcelain kettle,	35

2 bean pots,	40
1 coffee pot,	25
3 baking tins,	30
50 plates,	2 00
1 water pitcher,	25
1 fly screen,	10
1 large dish,	20
1 syrup pitcher,	15
14 cups and saucers,	1 00
6 bowls,	60
1 mixing bowl,	20
3 nappies,	20
2 meat plates,	40
1 sugar bowl,	25
2 pepper boxes,	15
3 stone jars,	1 00
3 stone jugs,	75
2 oil cans,	2 00
7 table spoons,	50
12 knives and forks,	1 25
1 butter knife,	20
6 glass tumblers,	20
3 mirrors,	75
1 clock,	1 50
3 lamps,	75
1 sewing machine,	24 00
1 pr. steelyards,	1 00
2 colanders,	15
3 wash tubs,	1 00
6 flat-irons,	2 00
1 wash boiler,	1 75
1 clothes wringer,	2 50
2 steamers,	40
2 whitewash brushes,	1 00
1 paint brush,	70
5 baskets,	1 25

1 bush hook,	1 00
30 gallon-cans,	2 00
1 5-gal. syrup can,	85
2 creamer cans,	4 00
2 butter stamps,	40
1 egg-beater,	10
1 bread toaster,	05
1 pie knife,	15
2 wooden bowls,	40
1 syrup barrel,	50
2 corn cutters,	50
1 cow bell and strap,	1 00
1 lantern,	25
1 pr. ox muzzles,	40
2 steel traps,	30
1 washing machine,	3 00
1 milk strainer,	30
1 2-bu. measure,	65
1 1/4-bu. "	45
1 1/2 thousand shingles,	3 00
100 lbs. phosphate,	1 50

Total appraisal Jan. 31st, 1898, \$2,921 40

Town Farm Expenditures.

Appraisal of farm and personal pro-	
perty, Feb. 15th, 1897,	\$2,904 80
Order 11, W. A. Holt, 4 2-year olds, . .	50 00
Part of 12, H. & W. Farwell, 2	
shoats,	6 00
Part of 12, H. & W. Farwell, 300	
feet pine boards,	3 00
Part of 20, C. C. Bryant, Supt. to April	
6, 1897,	37 49
Paid Randall Cummings,	103 34
Due " " to Jan. 31, '98,	81 66

Order 22, J. M. Philbrook, oxen,	125 00
“ 24, Randall Cummings, 1 hog, .	6 00
“ 51, Wm. J. Wheeler, insurance, .	45 00
Part of 89, J. C. Billings, wagon, 20 00	
“ “ “ “ horse- .	
rake, 10 00	30 00
Order 101, H. & W. Farwell, phosphate	15 00
Order 113, Ira C. Jordan, delivered to C. C. Bryant :	
1 bbl. flour,	5 75
19 lbs. sugar,	1 00
100 crackers,	25
5 lbs. cheese,	70
10 lbs. lard,	1 00
1 lb. starch,	10
1 pkg. Gold-dust,	25
1 “ rolled oats,	12
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. nutmeg,	20
$\frac{1}{4}$ “ ginger,	05
$\frac{1}{4}$ “ pepper,	06
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,	40
2 lbs. raisins,	16
5 gal. oil,	65
2 lbs. tea,	1 00
2 “ coffee,	64
4 sacks bran,	2 80
2 gal. molasses,	80
19 lbs. sugar,	1 00
1 pkg. Rolled oats,	13
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches,	08
1 pr. overalls, (for Cook,) .	75
1 lb. coffee,	32
17 “ sugar,	1 00
1 “ tea,	50
2 “ soda,	13
2 gal. molasses,	80
5 “ oil,	65

50 crackers,	13	
1 lb. soda crackers,	10	
10 lbs. lard,	1 00	22 52
Order 143, E. H. Young,		
1 work harness,		13 00
Part of 144, Henry Farwell,		
400 ft. boards for ice house,		4 00
Order 150. C. Bisbee,		
6 lb. soap,	25	
2 lbs. wheat meal,	25	
$\frac{1}{4}$ " cream of tartar,	10	
3 yds T. cloth,	1 35	
$\frac{1}{2}$ bu. beans,	75	
18 lbs. sugar,	1 00	
1 bbl. flour,	5 25	
1 can coffee,	75	
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cassia,	06	
100 crackers,	25	
$\frac{1}{2}$ bu. timothy,	95	
12 lbs. clover,	1 32	
10 " red top,	1 80	
4 qts. peas,	40	
Hat (for Cook,)	25	
Garden seeds,	25	
1 lb. salt-peter,	12	
1 " tea,	50	
1 comb,	05	
1 meal bag,	15	
18 lbs. sugar,	1 00	
2 gal. molasses,	70	
1 bu. salt,	45	
1 paint brush,	70	
200 crackers,	50	
2 lbs. coffee,	56	
2 " soda,	12	

1 pr. shoes, (for Cook,)	1	75
3 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. cheese,		49
18 lbs. sugar,	1	00
1 lb. tea,		50
1 pt. turpentine,		15
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,		38
1 pail,		15
6 balls of twine,		30
10 lbs. lard,		75
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches,		10
18 lbs. sugar,	1	00
1 lb. starch,		10
1 oz. nutmeg,		07
1 lb. soda,		06
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cassia,		06
2 lbs. coffee,		52
1 lb. raisins,		13
1 lantern globe,		10
2 chimneys,		15
3 yds. cloth,		36
2 spools cotton,		10
1 bbl. flour,	5	50
2 gal. molasses,		70
2 lbs. soap,		10
1 " tea,		50
10 " fish,		40
1 molasses hhd.,	1	00
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,		40
17 lbs. sugar,	1	00
2 lbs. wheat meal,		25
1 lb. corn starch,		10
1 spool cotton,		05
4 yds. cotton,		30
2 lbs. coffee,		52
10 lbs. lard,		75
50 crackers,		13

2 yds. cheese cloth,	10
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger,	06
100 crackers,	25
1 oz. nutmeg,	07
1 lb. tea,	50
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. cream of tartar, . . .	20
2 lbs. soda,	12
4 yds. netting,	28
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
3 lbs. rice,	24
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,	38
1 pkg. seeds,	05
2 lbs. coffee,	52
$\frac{1}{2}$ " tea,	25
1 oz. nutmeg,	07
1 pr. shoe ties,	04
1 pail,	15
Salt,	45
200 crackers,	50
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
1 lb. tea,	50
1 tub lard,	80
2 pr. vests, (for Mrs. Good- now,)	1 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ bu. beans,	40
1 bag salt,	20
1 bu. salt,	45
18 lbs. sugar,	1 00
100 crackers,	25
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea,	25
1 lb. coffee,	26
Underwear, (for Cook,) . .	1 90
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger,	05
2 lbs. coffee,	52
100 crackers,	25

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea,	25
8 lbs. cod fish,	52
1 pr. pants, (for Cook,) . .	I 75
100 crackers,	25
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,	45
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. timothy,	45
6 lbs. clover,	66
17 lbs. sugar,	I 00
1 lb. coffee,	26
$\frac{1}{2}$ " tea,	25
1 lb. soda,	06
1 pail lard,	90
100 crackers,	25
1 lb. soda,	06
2 gal. molasses,	80
1 lb. soap,	05
200 crackers,	50
1 box salt,	20
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. sugar,	50
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pork,	34
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea,	25
1 bag salt,	20
1 lb. soda,	06
1 lb. salt-peter,	12
1 sack bran,	85
1 bu. salt,	45
2 lbs. seeded raisins,	25
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cassia,	06
100 crackers,	25
$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. cups and saucers, . .	50
$\frac{1}{2}$ " plates,	45
$\frac{1}{2}$ " "	50
2 lamp chimneys,	16
6 wicks,	05
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea,	25

1 pr. overalls, }	50	
1 " rubbers, } for Cook,	1 75	
Shirt, }	65	
1 lb. salt-peter,	12	
2 pkg. rolled oats,	20	
½ lb. tea,	25	
1 bag shells,	75	
1 " bran,	85	
1 " cotton seed,	1 15	
1 lb. coffee,	26	
2 gal. molasses,	70	
8½ lbs. sugar,	50	
1 lb. soda,	06	
¼ " cassia,	06	
¼ " cloves,	06	
1 " coffee,	26	
1 " tea,	50	
100 crackers,	25	
1 pr. mittens, (for Cook,) .	40	
1 bag meal,	85	
1 " feed,	90	
1 " corn,	90	
1 " feed,	90	
1 " meal,	85	
1 " corn,	90	
1 " salt,	20	
Soda,	06	
Fish,	54	
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00	
2 gal. molasses,	70	
Tub lard,	75	
7 lbs. rice,	50	87 03

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By receipts from farm, 5 07

By order to balance, \$81 96

G. P. Bean:

2 gal. molasses,	\$0 70
1 pr. pants for Cook,	75
1 pr. suspenders,	25
2 pr. hose,	25
1 bbl. flour,	5 50
1 bu. salt,	50
1 lb. coffee,	22
1 oz. nutmeg,	07
200 crackers,	50
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
2 gal. molasses,	70
1 bag salt,	20
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea,	25
$\frac{1}{4}$ " ginger,	06
$\frac{1}{2}$ box fly paper,	25
1 broom,	25
1 pr. hose for Mrs. Good-	
now,	25
$3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. cheese,	52
2 gal. molasses,	70
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
5 gal. oil,	70
1 lb. soda,	06
1 lb. soap,	05
$\frac{1}{2}$ box fly paper,	25
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,	37
1 oz. nutmeg,	07
1 bbl. flour,	6 00
1 lb. coffee,	30
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
2 gal. molasses,	70
1 lb. soda,	06
1 cake soap,	05
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
2 lbs. cheese,	30

1 lb. soda,	06
7 cakes soap,	30
2 gal. molasses,	70
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cream of tartar, . . .	10
1 pr. bed blankets,	85
2 lamp chimneys,	16
1 bbl. flour,	6 25
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
1 lb. coffee,	28
$\frac{1}{2}$ " tea,	25
$\frac{1}{2}$ " cream of tartar,	20
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches,	10
$\frac{1}{4}$ bu. beans,	50
1 lb. coffee,	28
2 oz. nutmeg,	14
34 lbs. sugar,	2 00
2 gal. molasses,	70
1 lb. coffee,	28
1 bbl. flour,	6 00
1 lb. coffee,	28
$\frac{1}{4}$ " ginger,	06
5 gal. oil,	50
100 crackers,	25
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. cheese,	27
1 oz. nutmeg,	07
17 lbs. sugar,	1 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. pepper,	06
1 bag salt,	20
100 crackers,	25
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb. ginger,	05
1 oz. nutmeg,	07
1 lb. raisins,	12
8 yds. crash,	96
5 gal. oil,	60
100 crackers,	25

1 lb. coffee,	28	
1 cake soap,	05	
1 spool cotton,	05	
8 lbs. sugar,	50	
1 lamp chimney,	06	
½ lb. tea,	25	52 16
CR.		
By receipts from farm,		3 57
By order to balance,		\$48 59
Randall Cummings:		
7 lbs. nails,	\$0 25	
10 lbs. lime,	10	
Filing saw,	10	
Spruce lumber,	4 05	
5 lbs. sugar,	30	
10 lbs. nails,	35	
Lock,	25	
Carpenter work,	4 00	
Plow point,	90	
Filing saw,	10	
1 coffee pot,	35	
Wheelbarrow wood,	25	
1 bag salt,	20	
1 water tub,	50	
Setting horse shoe,	10	
3 lbs. spikes,	09	
Tinware,	72	
6 meal bags,	60	
Beef,	58	
1 lb. soda,	06	
Labor, papering house,	2 55	
Repairs for grindstone,	10	
Beef,	25	
Fish,	44	
Turpentine,	08	

Paint,	50
Meat,	27
Bottle liniment,	20
Shoe blacking,	10
100 crackers,	25
Fish,	25
Repairing wash tub,	20
Beef,	62
Sugar,	48
Tomato plants,	23
Beef,	38
Nails,	07
Molasses,	20
200 crackers,	50
Beef,	76
Saw bill,	15
Fish,	20
Mending tinware,	20
Repairs on cart,	1 00
To sundries,	50
Sugar,	18
Beef,	75
Machine oil,	15
Beef,	63
½ doz. teaspoons,	20
1 paper tacks,	05
Fish,	54
2 lbs. paris green,	50
Sugar,	18
1 bu. potatoes,	50
Fish,	31
Beef,	55
1 lb. paris green,	25
Beef,	18
Bolts,	06
Nails,	06

Meat,	82
Sugar,	12
Shoeing horse,	50
Beef,	55
Lime,	35
Hemlock and drag lumber,	7 00
1 pr. towels,	20
1 wrapper for Mrs. Good-	
now,	1 00
Bolts for drag,	66
Filing saws,	25
Beef,	50
Fish,	14
1 bu. basket,	50
Raisins,	05
Beef,	45
2 pigs,	2 50
Medicine for Mrs. Good-	
now,	15
Corn twine,	17
Spices,	24
Fixing axe,	40
Cap for Cook,	50
Beef,	35
Sundries,	71
1 bottle ink for Mrs. Good-	
now,	05
Spices,	22
5 lbs. red top grass seed, .	1 00
Pasturing stock,	9 00
1 lb. salt-peter,	15
Material for soap,	36
8 lbs. buckwheat flour, . .	32
Sundries,	65
Use of swivel plow,	75
Paid for 1 cow,	26 00

Beef,	25	
5 gal. oil,	35	
6 lbs. spikes,	18	
Soap,	25	
Beef,	33	
3 lbs. sugar,	19	
2 pr. hose for Cook,	75	
Clothes-pins,	09	
Sledge handle,	25	
Meat,	27	
Onions,	13	
Medicine for Mrs. Good- now,	50	
Shoeing horse,	50	
Stationery for Mrs. Good- now,	12	
Beef,	5	70
Repairs on water works,	1	00
Towels,		85
Repairs on sewing ma- chine,	1	75
Lumber for ice house,	1	97
Sundries,		30
Repairing chain,		20
Table spoons,		15
Fish,		42
Repairing rubbers for Cook,		20
Sugar,		20
Spices,		90
1 sack bran,		90
Use of ice saw,	35	105 08
Order 152, N. F. Brown.		
1 landside to plow,	1	25
2 bolts,		10
1 axe handle,		25

2 forks,	90	
Oil,	10	
2 scythe stones,	10	
1 file,	15	
Mowing machine repairs, .	75	
1 pr. bow pins,	15	
1 ox goad,	25	
1 mop stick,	20	
1 butcher knife,	50	
1 shovel,	85	
Wedges,	50	
1 sledge,	80	
Nails and spikes,	33	
Window glass,	42	7 60
Order 153, W. D. Hastings, shoeing oxen,	2 70	
“ 155, H. S. Hastings, 4 yearlings,	45 00	
Part of 157, J. C. Billings, work,	8 94	
Total expenditures,		3755 32

Town Farm Receipts.

Appraisal of town farm property, Jan. 31, 1898,		2921 40
Received by Randall Cummings:		
1 veal calf,	5 00	
2 1/2 doz. eggs,	30	
Keeping travelers,	1 40	
1 bag oats,	35	
Eggs,	20	
1 gal. vinegar,	20	
Milk sold,	30	
Keeping traveler,	72	
Butter,	10	
Breakfast for traveler, . . .	20	
2 bu. corn,	1 00	

27 1/2 bu. potatoes,	5 63
Butter,	99
Keeping traveler,	35
Butter,	2 25
Eggs,	48
Butter,	18
Lunch,	06
Veal calf,	4 00
Eggs,	18
Feeding horse,	10
Eggs,	18
Feeding man and horse, . .	40
For pasturing cow,	1 20
1 bu. potatoes,	50
1/2 bu. oats,	18
Keeping horse,	40
Hens sold,	2 24
Potatoes sold,	20 02
For bull sold,	18 00
Cream check,	3 21
Dinner,	16
Pork sold,	5 55
Squashes,	3 00
Cider apples,	1 65
Poultry,	8 18
Cow sold,	25 00
Oat straw,	1 80
Sweet corn,	2 90
Poultry,	2 40
Keeping horse,	1 25
Fresh pork,	33
Shells sold,	37
Oat straw,	50
Pork,	9 95
Butter,	91
Keeping travelers,	1 35

Eggs,	1	10	
Veal calf,	4	50	
Potatoes,	1	50	
1 gal. vinegar,		20	
Use of bull,	50		143 42
1 pr. oxen sold,			125 00
1 cow, "			25 00
Butter and eggs to Bisbee,			5 07
" " " " G. P.			
Bean,			3 57
Board'g Minnie Cummings,			25 00
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Total receipts,			3248 46
Total expenditures,			3755 32
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Balance against farm,			506 86

Poor Not on Farm.

Melinda Bean.

Part of 14, A. R. Haynes, wood, winter of 1896-7,	\$2	93	
" " E. H. Smith, wood, winter of 1896-7,	1	80	
" " Geo. Aldrich, fitting same,	1	30	6 03
" 144, Henry Farwell, wood,	3	00	
" " Wm. H. Merrill, fitting same,	2	00	5 00
" 156, Seth Walker, wood,	2	00	
Fitting same,	1	00	3 00
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\$14 03			

Caleb Goodnow.

George H. Goodnow, board and care,	\$49	00
C. F. Shaw, digging grave,	3	00

A. H. Goddard, burial expense,	23 00	
A. Hamilton, Funeral services,	3 00	78 00
Mrs. Abbie Haines and family.		
J. W. Stewart, medical attendance, . . .		21 00
Alfred Estes, (soldier,)		
Spurgeon Luxton, board,	\$10 00	
C. Bisbee, supplies,	10 00	20 00
Frank Stiles.		
Town of Buckfield,	\$25 88	
“ “ Norway,	3 51	29 39
Wm. H. Kilborn, (soldier.)		
Burial expense,	\$34 50	
Refunded by State,	34 50	
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Total Poor not on farm,		\$162 42

Poor Belonging to Other Towns.

Aid furnished T. P. Kneeland,	\$20 00
Paid by Town of Lincoln,	20 00
Aid furnished Lyman Thurlow,	17 20
Due from Raymond,	17 20

Insane Hospital.

Daniel F. Bean, Jr.	\$159 70
Mellen A. Cross.	132 02
Ethan Etheridge,	152 39
Emma Mason,	125 51
Hattie G. Chapman,	141 40
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Total expense to town,	\$711 02
C. A. Balentine,	\$70 26

Paid by town of Bingham,	70 26	
F. H. Fifield,	\$136 56	
Paid by E. O. Millett,	136 56	
Abial Chandler,	\$74 15	
Paid by A. J. Blake,	74 15	

Tramp Account.

Order 52, A. H. Goddard, board and care of a sick tramp, . . .	\$4 00	
Aid furnished by H. C. Barker, 143 tramps, . . .	43 30	47 30

Total Expense of Poor.

Balance against farm,	\$506 86	
Poor not on farm,	162 42	
Insane Hospital,	711 02	
Expense of tramps,	47 30	
Total,	\$1,427 60	
Appropriation,	1,200 00	
Excess,	\$227 60	

Lockup Account.

DR.

Part of 12, H. & W. Farwell, wood, . .	\$3 00	
" 156, Seth Walker, wood, . . .	3 50	
" 171, N. F. Brown, fixtures, . . .	2 00	
" 158, J. C. Billings, repairs, . . .	1 00	
Total,	\$ 9 50	

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By rent of 26 courts,	26 00
Net income,	\$16 50

Pleasant River Bridge.

Order 85, John Rollins,	\$ 9 00	
“ 93, Berlin Iron Bridge Co.,	349 90	
Freight,	50 10	
“ 100, H. M. Verrill, labor,	28 20	
“ 102, D. O. Bennett, “	19 50	
“ 104, J. N. Hodsdon, use of der- rick,	30 00	
“ 105, E. P. Grover, labor with team,	106 25	
“ 106, G. W. Harden, labor, ...	65 00	
“ 132, G. B. Lowell, “ . . .	12 75	
“ 137, W. A. Farwell, “ and ma- terial,	80 50	
“ 138, G. A. Grover, labor,	4 50	
“ 145, C. E. Barker, “	81 70	
“ 146, M. M. Mason, “ ...	148 00	
“ 166, A. S. Bean, material,	85 16	1070 56

No Appropriation.

Note.—It was found that the Pleasant river bridge on the road leading to Gilead was unsafe for public travel and the abutments were unsuitable to construct a bridge upon; the same has been rebuilt and a steel bridge from the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. now spans the river, and we recommend an appropriation for the above amount, as the same has been paid from funds that should have been applied to a payment on the town debt.

Toll Bridge Buildings.

We sold the old toll house buildings to Eli W. Barker for the sum of fifty dollars, and expended the amount of twelve dollars and forty-four cents towards improving the road at the south entrance of said bridge.

Special Appropriations.

Order 39, Brown Post G. A. R.,	40 00
Appropriation,	40 00
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“ 71, Bethel Library Association,	50 00
Appropriation,	50 00
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The New Road Near the C. C. Merrill Farm.

Order 90, Freeman Bennett,	345 00
Appropriation,	500 00
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Balance unexpended,	155 00

Abatements, 1894.

Order 163, D. W. Lord, poll, paid in Norway,	2 00
Ernest Mason, poll, unable to pay,	2 00

1895.

W. S. Brooks, poll, paid in Woodstock,	2 00
W. B. Bartlett, poll and per. cannot be found,	2 88

Taleran C. Cross, poll and per., unable to collect,	4 63
—— Fox, poll, cannot be found,	2 00
John Hassett, poll and per., unable to collect. . . .	3 75
F. J. Jipson, poll, left town,	2 00
Wm. Macomber, R. E., un- able to pay.	1 75
John Matherson, poll and per., left town.	2 44
Geo. C. Milliken, poll and per., unable to collect,	2 70
C. H. Morrison, poll and per., unable to collect,	8 13
Henry Poland, poll, left town	2 00
Alfred Twitchell, R. E., un- able to pay.	63
Frank E. Young, poll, paid in Mass.	2 00
Wm. Hines, poll, paid in Gorham.	2 00
Charles L. Lyon, poll, paid in Gorham	2 00
Amasa Lovejoy, poll paid in Andover.	2 00

1896.

Ernest Bean, poll, left town,	2 00
Alphonso Bartlett, poll and per., paid in Berlin. .	2 30
Jacob Brown, poll, could not be found.	2 00

Philip Burbank, poll, not of age	2 00
H. B. Chapman, poll and per., unable to collect,	3 68
P. N. Chick, poll, could not be found	2 00
Mrs. Phebe Corson, R. E., unable to pay	1 20
Taleran C. Cross, poll and per., unable to pay . . .	3 08
E. A. Decker, poll and per., paid in Waterford . . .	2 60
Chas. Douglass, poll, does not claim Bethel his residence	2 00
E. W. Etheridge, poll, in- sane	2 00
W. H. Emery, poll, not a resident when taxed .	2 00
E. H. Fifield, R. E. insane,	4 80
A. S. Greene, poll, paid in Turner	2 00
Henry Holland, poll, left town	2 00
Byron Harden, poll paid in Gorham	2 00
Charles L. Johnson, poll, deceased	2 00
Clifton Jones, poll, paid in Gorham	2 00
Henry Kilborn, poll and per., deceased	2 60
G. B. Lowell, R. E., build- ings burned and un- able to pay	8 08

Edward Magill, part of poll tax, unable to pay . . .	1 00
Gilbert Martin, poll, left town	2 00
Wm. Macomber, R. E., un- able to pay	1 20
Henry P. Merrill, per. error in valuation . . .	30
Merge McPherson, poll, left town	2 00
H. M. Osgood, poll and per., unable to pay	2 48
James Perry, poll, paid in Greenwood	2 00
Lysander Ordway, per., paid in Gilead	90
John F. Russell, poll and per., unable to collect,	2 60
Heirs of Phineas Stearns, R. E., unfortunate . . .	12 00
Tony Stone, poll and per., cannot be found	2 18
A. S. Stevens, per., paid in Franklin	4 32
James B. Spearing, poll, cannot be found	2 00
Chas. C. Swan, poll, paid in Mass.	2 00
Isaac Weagles, poll, left town	2 00
John Reed, poll, left town,	2 00
Moses H. Robertson, per., unable to pay	42
Russell Warner, poll, left town	2 00

John M. Twitchell, R. E.,			
error in valuation	1 20	\$143	85

1897.

Order 196, Bethel Water Co., by vote			
of town		175	00

Account with Liquor Agency.

D. H. GROVER, AGENT.

DR.

To liquors on hand, Feb. 10, 1897 . . .	\$303	29	
“ “ bought to Feb. 1, 1898 . . .	2162	70	
Freight, cartage, and other expenses .	25	76	
License	25	00	
Salary to Feb. 10, 1898	180	00	2696 75

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By cash received for liquors	2306	59	
Liquors and casks on hand Feb. 1, '98,	641	70	2948 29
Net Profit	\$	251	54

Town Officers Bills Paid for 1896-7.

Order 2, E. B. Shaw, services as Selectman . .	\$	72	75
“ 3, Henry Farwell, “ “ “ ..		169	00
“ 4, J. C. Billings, “ “ “ ...		88	50
“ 5, Mrs. O. M. Mason, Superintendent . . .		150	00
“ 6, J. U. Purington, Treasurer		50	00
“ 7, J. S. Swan, Treas. of school fund		6	00
Part of 8, A. E. Herrick, Town Agent		15	00

Order 10, Milton Penley, Truant Officer.....	5 00	
“ 164, S. B. Twitchell, commission on taxes	230 69	
Total	\$ 786 94	

Other Bill Paid for 1896-7,

Part of 20, C. C. Bryant, Supt. to April 6th, 1897 \$ 237 51

Highway Bills Paid for 1896.

Part of 9, L. H. Tyler, labor.....	\$ 16 50	
“ “ C. L. Abbott, “	9 06	
“ “ L. D. Grover, “	3 10	
“ “ E. P. Bennett, “	6 58	
“ “ L. N. Bartlett, “	10 50	
“ “ A. L. Whitman, “	6 40	
“ “ C. C. Bean, “	3 30	55 44
Order 13, Eli F. Cushman, “		2 91
“ 19, H. M. Osgood, “		1 99
“ 25, B. W. Kimball, “		14 49
Part of 26, L. N. Bartlett, “	3 80	
“ “ A. L. Whitman, “	3 35	
“ “ Peter Wheeler, “	5 53	12 68
“ 27, D. A. Coffin, “	4 87	
“ “ D. C. Estes, “	5 17	
“ “ W.C. & C.G. Blake, “	3 11	
“ “ J. O. Estes, “	60	
“ “ E. I. Estes, “	6 57	20 32
“ 28, W. S. Hotham, “	3 00	
“ “ H. F. Maxim, “	75	3 75
“ 29, Seth L. Mason, “	9 10	
“ “ I. H. Wilson, “	4 00	
“ “ G. W. Mason, labor and water tub.....	3 93	
“ “ E. S. Mason, labor,	1 25	
“ “ N. S. Stearns, “	1 21	

Part of 29,	R. G. Lane,	"	64	20 13
"	30, Z. W. Bartlett,	"	19 12	
"	" H. O. Blake,	"	13 75	
"	" Fred C. Bean,	"	8 60	
"	" Geo. L. Smith, use of snow plow,		8 43	
"	" Geo. A. Virgin, bridge plank		2 80	52 70
"	31, A. F. Copeland, labor . . .		6 75	
"	" T. A. Conroy,	"	4 00	
"	" E. E. Chase,	"	1 73	
"	" F. F. Bean,	"	1 64	14 12
"	32, L. B. Brackett,	"	4 20	
"	" A. S. Bean, plank		2 81	
"	" A. A. Richmond, labor . . .		2 85	
"	" L. D. Grover,	"	2 70	
"	" G. D. Morrell,	"	14 14	
"	" L. H. Tyler,	"	13 05	
"	" A. P. Mason,	"	12 08	
"	" C. F. Shaw, water tub . . .		2 00	
"	" C. L. Abbott, Jr., labor . . .		9 75	63 58
Order 34,	Charles Dunham,	"		1 55
"	41, J. H. Swan	"		5 15
"	43, Bethel Water Co., repairs of water fountains			5 00
"	45, C. W. Godwin, labor			7 72
"	60, N. A. Austin,	"		8 47
"	62, Wm. R. Eames,	"		4 02
"	66, A. S. Bean,	"		21 79
"	76, I. S. Morrell, bridge plank .			16 30
"	80, S. F. Estes, labor			8 25
"	88, John Hapgood	"		7 38
Part of 97,	C. M. Kimball,	"	7 50	
"	" G. K. Hastings,	"	10 52	
"	" E. S. Bean,	"	2 30	
"	" C. H. Kimball,	"	3 75	

Part of 97, Henry E. Bartlett, labor		
and water tub.....	11 30	
“ “ R. D. Cummings, labor....	6 50	
“ “ P. C. Thomas, “	4 35	
“ “ E. Bryant, “	12 90	59 12
Order 98, S. A. Putnam, “		2 10
“ 125, A. R. Haynes, “		4 00
“ 128, John L. Holt, “		7 00
“ 130, G. B. Mills, “		4 88
“ 188, G. A. Hastings, cash paid		
for labor.....		9 00
Total.....		<hr/> \$433 84

Highway Bills of 1897.

Order 42, M. W. Chandler, freight on		
pipe.....		\$13 60
“ 75, Portland Pipe Co., pipe...		65 18
Part of 84, S. F. Estes, labor....	6 00	
“ “ S. Mayconnell, “	4 35	
“ “ A. W. Bean, “	83	11 18
Order 86, A. F. Copeland, “		20 50
“ 87, Fred C. Bartlett, “		3 00
“ 99, C. W. Wyman, “		1 63
“ 107, S. V. Abbott, bridge plank,		3 05
Part of 110, L. A. York, labor....	4 50	
“ “ Hubert York, “	4 50	
“ “ John L. Holt, “	7 00	
“ “ E. A. Verrill, water tub..	2 00	18 09
Order 129, E. S. Kilborn, bridge plank,		9 00
“ 131, C. L. Abbott, Jr. labor...		13 80
“ 135, I. S. Morrell, bridge plank,		8 34
“ 136, H. E. Bartlett, labor....		6 00
“ 142, Geo. A. Virgin, bridge		
plank.....		11 64

Part of 144, Henry Farwell, labor and boards		2 50	
“ 158, J. C. Billings, making grates, etc.		7 00	
Part of 162, C. O. Moore, labor	18 95		
“ “ J. A. Thurston, “	8 30		
“ “ J. C. Swan, “	97		
“ “ C. N. Swan, “	97	29 19	
Order 167, A. S. Bean, material		13 08	
“ 171, N. F. Brown, “		5 19	
“ 175, Hastings Bros., “		43 04	
Part of 179, Fred L. Edwards, bridge plank	80 18		
“ “ A. S. Chapman, lighting bridge	21 50		
“ “ Peter Wheeler, labor	3 33		
“ “ O. A. Buck, “	19 38		
“ “ Geo. C. Mason, “	18 19		
“ “ Joseph Holt, “	4 14		
“ “ J. M. Clark, “	6 54		
“ “ C. F. Abbott, “	5 63		
“ “ J. F. Howe, “	2 62		
“ “ Alfred W. Bean, “	32		
“ “ Alphonso W. Bean, labor	2 24		
“ “ E. Bryant, labor,	11 62		
“ “ P. C. Thomas, “	7 12		
“ “ R. D. Cummings, “	6 00		
“ “ W. S. Hotham, “	7 05		
“ “ G. A. Plaisted, feed for road team	1 00		
“ “ I. S. Morrell, bridge plank	9 14	206 00	
Total		\$490 92	
Appropriation		500 00	
Unexpended		\$ 9 08	

Schools.

Raised by town, March 1, 1897	\$2,000 00	
State school and mill tax	1,369 31	
Rec'd from Gilead	30 00	
Due from Milton	55 00	
“ “ Albany	15 00	
“ “ J. S. Swan, school fund	30 00	
Undrawn last year's report	6 54	
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Total school fund		\$3,505 85
Bills contracted by Mrs. Mason and unpaid last year.		
Order 15, George A. Chapman, carry- ing scholars	22 00	
“ 16, Mrs. O. M. Mason, labor and supplies	43 42	
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		65 42
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School Fund for 1897-8		3,440 43
Orders drawn as follows :		
Order 17, Elliot Rich, wood		\$40 95
Order 36, E. I. Griffin, cleaning school- house		3 00
Part of 38, Hugh Pendexter, teaching, “ 35, E. W. Magill, cleaning school-house	7 15	48 00
“ “ N. A. Stearns, wood, etc.,	8 50	15 65
Order 44, J. M. Bartlett, cleaning school-house and wood,		16 00

Order 46, Sadie Abbott, teaching . . .		40 50	
“ 47, George W. Mason, cleaning school-house		3 00	
“ 48, Ethel Hammons, teaching,		20 00	
“ 49, News Pub. Co., printing . . .		4 45	
“ 54, Alice M. Barker, teaching, .		50 00	
Part of 56, Hugh Pendexter, “ . .	72 00		
“ “ Mary C. Chapman, “ . .	60 00		
“ “ Bertha M. Wiley, “ . .	50 00		
“ “ Alice M. Russell, “ . .	50 00		
“ “ Eva Twaddle, “ . .	50 00		
“ “ Ethel Hammons, “ . .	40 00		
“ “ Elliot Rich, caring scholars,	20 00		
“ “ J. M. Bartlett, “ “	12 40		
“ “ Clyde Bartlett, teaching . . .	60 00	414 40	
Order 57, Maud A. Bartlett, teaching . .		50 00	
Part of 58, Martha A. Gibson, “ . .	60 00		
“ “ Walter Holmes, “ . .	55 00	115 00	
Order 59, Geo. A. Plaisted, carrying scholars		55 00	
“ 61, P. C. Thomas, carrying scholars		18 00	
Part of 65, Maud Merrow, teaching . . .	60 00		
“ “ Ethel Eames, “ . . .	50 00	110 00	
Order 70, Ethel Morse, “ . . .		50 00	
“ 72, Town of Woodstock, tuition, 1896		5 00	
“ 78, Eli Cushman, cleaning school-house		2 00	
“ 83, Guy O. Small, teaching and janitor		48 00	
“ 91, Eva Twaddle, teaching . . .		30 00	
“ 95, W. C. and C. G. Blake, wood,		6 75	
“ 103, Cora H. Farwell, teaching,		50 00	

Part of 108, Geo. Merrow, teaching..	20 00	
“ “ Vera Merrill, “ ..	50 00	
“ “ Mary C. Chapman “ ..	60 00	
“ “ Martha Gibson, “ ..	60 00	
“ “ Guy O. Small, “ ..	72 00	
“ “ Ethel Richardson, “ ..	50 00	
“ “ Alice Russell, “ ..	50 00	
“ “ Addie Gordon, “ ..	50 00	
“ “ Maud Merrow, “ ..	60 00	
“ “ Winifred Hall, “ ..	50 00	
“ “ Ethel Hammons, “ ..	60 00	
“ “ I. Richardson, “ ..	70 00	
“ “ Clyde Bartlett, teaching and carrying scholars..	67 50	
“ “ J. M. Bartlett, carrying scholars	20 00	
“ “ Elliot Rich, carrying scholars	20 00	
“ “ Geo. A. Plaisted, carrying scholars	55 00	
“ “ E. L. Bean, cleaning school- house	1 00	
“ “ O. A. Buck, wood.....	8 00	823 50
Order 114, Frank J. Russell, carrying scholars		10 00
“ 115, A. P. Burgess, carrying scholars		25 00
“ 116, Sadie Abbott, teaching...		50 00
“ 124, G. A. Plaisted, carrying scholars		25 00
“ 134, C. L. Abbott, Jr., wood..		12 50
“ 139, Guy O. Small, teaching...		40 00
“ 140, P. C. Thomas, carrying scholars		24 00
“ 147, A. S. Bean, wood.....		24 08

Order 172, Seth Walker, wood.....		4 00	
“ . 173, C. F. Abbott, cleaning school-house.....		1 50	
“ 174, I. S. Morrell, wood.....		4 25	
Part of 176, J. S. Hutchins, teaching and carrying scholars..	72 00		
“ “ G. O. Small, teaching....	56 00		
“ “ Clyde Bartlett, teaching and carrying scholars..	56 00		
“ “ Mary Chapman, teaching	48 00		
“ “ Martha Gibson, “	48 00		
“ “ Ethel Hammons, “	48 00		
“ “ Florence Abbott, “	40 00		
“ “ Ethel Richardson, “	40 00		
“ “ Ellen Douglass, “	40 00		
“ “ Alice Russell, “	40 00		
“ “ J. M. Bartlett, carrying scholars,.....	16 00		
“ “ Rufus Skillings, carrying scholars.....	7 00	511 00	
Order 177, Geo. W. Harden, cleaning school-house.		2 00	
“ 184, Barton Smith, teaching..		45 00	
“ 185, N. F. Brown, supplies...		4 17	
Part of 194, Maud M. Merrow, teaching	48 00		
“ “ Amy Bean, wood:.....	4 00		
“ “ G. A. Plaisted, carrying scholars.....	19 00		
“ “ C. L. Swan, car'y scholars	10 00		
“ “ A. J. McAllister, carrying scholars.....	20 00		
“ “ L. A. York, fitting wood.	1 00		
“ “ J. A. Thurston, wood....	8 49		
“ “ A. F. Copeland, “	7 00	117 49	

Order 197, Charles L. Swan, carrying scholars	8 00
Total	\$2,927 19
Total fund as above	3,440 43
Unexpended	\$ 513 24

Text Books.

" 18, O. M. Mason, for 1896 . . .	\$8 34
" 109, M. W. Chandler, express . .	2 45
" 117, Geo. F. King and Co.	3 00
" 118, Wm. Ware & Co.	21 70
" 119, " " " for 1896,	4 00
" 120, Ginn & Co.	14 25
" 121, Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, . .	1 74
" 122, D. H. Knowlton & Co., rank cards	1 60
" 123, J. L. Hammett & Co.	80 89
Part of 165, G. R. Wiley	7 48
Order 191, I. W. Bean, maps	1 50
Part of 192, J. A. Twaddle, express . .	2 81
Total	\$149 76
Appropriation	150 00
Unexpended	24

Repairs of School-houses.

Part of 35, D. A. Coffin, shingles and labor	40 60
Order 64, W. J. Wheeler, insurance, .	75 00
" 92, D. M. Smith, labor	7 75
" 141, Fred L. Edwards, lumber, . . .	8 75

Order 178, Hastings Bros., material and labor.....	39 78	
“ 193, Warren Small, labor.....	1 00	
Total		172 88
Appropriation.....		150 00
Excess.....		\$ 22 88

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Order 1, News Publishing Co., print- ing town reports.....	\$ 52 00	
Part of 8, A. E. Herrick, expenses to Augusta for town	7 62	
Order 21, News Publishing Co., sta- tionery.....	3 50	
Part of 23, E. C. Bowler, check book for Treas....	3 50	
“ “ E. C. Bowler, license blanks for clerk...1 50	5 00	
Order 40, H. R. Carter, copying plan of town for county ...	5 00	
“ 50, M. W. Chandler, freight on safe.....	19 40	
“ 53, Wm. Lowe, assistance in moving safe.....	2 00	
“ 63, News Pub. Co., printing....	6 00	
“ 69, J. N. Hodsdon, moving safe,	4 62	
“ 77, Mosler Safe Co., safe.....	180 60	
“ 79, C. L. Davis, assistance in moving safe.....	3 00	
“ 94, N. F. Swan, assisting Board of Health.....	6 00	
“ 96, Bethel Savings Bank, rent..	60 00	
“ 127, Eugene Prescott, damage on highway.....	50 00	

Part of 144, Henry Farwell, lumber for chair factory repairs...	3 50	
“ 165, G. R. Wiley, blank books and material for Board of Health.....	32 59	
Order 170, J. S. Wright, services, in Prescott case.....	10 00	
Part of 180, C. D. Hill, returning vital statistics....	16 25	
Order 181, Herrick & Park, services,	20 50	
“ 183, News Pub. Co., stationery and printing.....	5 45	
Part of 187, A. W. Grover, mak- ing State pension papers.....	10 00	
“ “ A. W. Grover, book for B'rd of Health, 50	10 50	
Order 190, L. T. Barker, recording vi- tal statistics.....	15 30	
Part of 192, J. A. Twaddle, returning vital statistics.....	6 25	
Order 195, Henry Farwell, cash ex- penses.....	23 00	
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Total.....	548 08	
Appropriation.....	300 00	
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Excess	\$ 248 08	

Town Officers' Bills Due for 1897-8.

Henry Farwell, services as Selectman, \$	165 50
J. C. Billings, “ “ “	91 45
C. E. Barker “ “ “	61 50
J. A. Twaddle, “ Superintendent,	150 00

J. U. Purington, services as Treasurer,	50 00	
J. S. Swan, " as Treas. of		
School Fund.....	6 00	524 45

Town Officers' Bills Paid for 1897-8.

Order 168, H. C. Barker, constable fees,	4 00	
Part of 180, C. D. Hill, health officer,	10 00	
Order 182, E. C. Park, " "	5 00	
Part of 187, A. W. Grover, " "	5 00	
Order 189, Milton Penley, police officer,	4 00	
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Total.....		28 00
Town officers bills due		524 45
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Total.....		552 45
Appropriation.....		800 00
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Unexpended.....		\$ 247 55

Financial Standing of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Bonds bearing interest at four per	
cent	\$30,000 00
Bridge bonds not yet redeemed.....	1,100 00
Coupons over due.....	64 00
Outstanding notes at four per cent..	5,500 00
" " " five " " ..	354 00
" orders.....	216 18
Town officers' bills due.....	524 45
Due Randall Cummings to Jan. 31,'98,	81 66
School money undrawn.....	513 24
Estimated abatement of taxes.....	75 00
Estimated bills outstanding.....	200 00
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Total liabilities.....	\$38,628 53

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands	\$1,283 01
Due from C. M. Wormell, Collector,	6,345 67
Due rent on corn shop	37 50
Liquors and casks on hand	641 70
Value of town farm, stock, and tools.	2,921 40
Investment in chair factory	6,000 00
Investment in corn shop	2,500 00
Lock-up	550 00
Two road machines and tools	100 00
Due from State bear bounty	25 00
“ “ “ dog tax	135 00
“ “ J. S. Swan, school fund ...	30 00
“ “ Albany	30 00
“ “ Milton	55 00
“ “ Raymond	17 20

Total assets

\$20,671 48

It will be noticed in the above liabilities that \$1100.00 of bridge bonds have not yet been redeemed. The money for the redemption of these bonds is in the hands of the Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY FARWELL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
J. C. BILLINGS,	
C. E. BARKER,	

} *of*
} *Bethel.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report of the Selectmen of the town of Bethel for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1898, with vouchers therefor, and I believe it to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

CALVIN BISBEE, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

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To bal. on hand Feb. 15th, 1897..	\$ 533 67
“ cash rec'd from town of Lincoln,	20 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Bingham,	70 26
“ “ “ “ “ “ Gilead,	30 00
“ “ “ “ L. T. Barker, dog tax	135 00
“ “ “ “ A. Chandler	74 15
“ “ “ for sale of stock	150 00
“ “ “ “ “ toll-house. .	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ school-house,	25 00
“ “ “ from Bethel Chair Co., water rent	25 00
“ “ “ “ Bethel Chair Co., rent of factory . .	300 00.
“ “ “ “ J. S. Swan, Tr.,	30 00
“ “ “ “ E. H. Fifield . .	136 56
“ “ “ “ J. & E. A. Wyman, rent	150 00
“ “ “ for license	6 00
“ “ “ “ rent on toll-house,	5 00
“ “ “ from State Tr., bear bounty, 1896 . . .	70 00
“ “ “ “ State Tr., dog tax, 1896	124 50
“ “ “ “ State Tr., R. R. & Tel. tax	14 65

To cash rec'd from State Tr., for pen-		
sions	312	00
" " " " State Tr., for sol-		
dier's burial	34	50
" " " " State Tr., school		
and mill tax	1,369	31
" " " " liquor agent	2,075	93
" " " " S. B. Twitchell,		
collector	4,745	66
" " " " C. M. Wormell,		
collector	6,000	00
" " " sale \$30,000.00 four		
per cent. bonds	30,981	00
" " returned		10
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By paid town of Newry tax, 1896..	\$ 5	18
" " " " " 1897..	5	18
" " water tax	50	00
" " State Tr., dog tax	135	00
" " Liquor com.	2,162	69
" " county tax	1,433	49
" " Bethel Savings Bank notes..	11,796	00
" " " " " int. . . .	389	06
" " Trafton heirs, int.	325	00
" " coupons	790	00
" " bounty on bears	25	00
" " Insane Hospital	991	99
" " soldiers' pensions	312	00
" " orders cancelled	8,278	79
" " bonds "	17,000	00
" " Bethel Village Corporation		
tax	21	14

By paid expense sale of bonds.....	151 03
“ “ stamps.....	3 00
“ “ State tax	2,310 73
Balance on hand.....	1,283 01

\$47,468 29

J. U. PURINGTON, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of J. U. Purington, Treasurer of the town of Bethel, for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1898, with the vouchers therefor, and believe them to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

CALVIN BISBEE, *Auditor.*

The following is an itemized account of the expenditures for the sale of bonds :

Paid printing bonds.....	\$ 98 00
“ A. E. Herrick.....	13 00
“ adv. bond sale.....	13 50
“ use telephone.....	1 73
“ R. R. fare.....	4 40
“ express.....	40
“ services.....	20 00

\$151 03

J. U. PURINGTON.

Report of Board of Health.

During the year ending January 31st, the town has been remarkably free from infectious diseases of a serious character. The outbreak of diphtheria, late in 1896, in the village and vicinity, was soon effectually stamped out. In June, a few cases appeared at East Bethel, fortunately limited to two families, with but one death. It would seem from our experience, that the new method of disinfection, the apparatus for which was purchased last year, has proved very effective. School and other public buildings, as well as infected houses, have been disinfected. In this connection, we wish to thank the citizens for their cordial and intelligent co-operation in the efforts of the Board to prevent the spread of the disease. Without such aid, we would have been well-nigh helpless. Very few nuisances and but one case of typhoid fever have been reported. We wish to repeat our annual warning to the citizens of the village regarding the necessity for a sewerage system. The need becomes each year more imperative for reasons which we have often given and are apparent to all. Such a system would be the best possible investment for the protection of life, health, and property interests. In many parts of the town much sickness could be avoided by proper attention to sources of water supply and the location and care of privy vaults and sink drains.

C. D. HILL, M. D., *Chairman*,
A. W. GROVER, *Sec'y*,
E. C. PARK.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the Citizens of Bethel:

The close of another year calls for an annual report of schools; the work has been both pleasant and profitable to all concerned. Earnest and progressive teachers have done good work, and we think that more enthusiasm for higher education exists among our pupils to-day than at any other time during our connection with the schools of Bethel. A better understanding and appreciation of the privileges of our graded schools, and the advantages to be derived from them, prevails among our citizens. The policy of retaining our teachers through the year has been adhered to, and the work of the year has been gratifying.

Nothing can be of greater importance to our town than its educational interests, and they must not be allowed to suffer. We are justly proud of our admirable school system. The education given by our common schools to the youth of this generation is very much superior to that afforded a quarter of a century ago. New England schools mould New England manhood and womanhood, and the brain of New England is recognized in the magnificent growth and development of our whole country. We must foster and protect our schools, then, at all hazards and afford them every facility for carrying on the great work of educating and training our boys and girls. They are the pride of our town, and in them is the hope and promise of our future Bethel.

All pupils have had the privilege of twenty-eight weeks of school, the same as the last two years, with few exceptions. This length of the school year compares favorably with the average school year of the State, which, in 1896-7, was twenty-six weeks and three days. During the spring

and fall, schools were taught in every district in town—ten weeks in each term. During the winter there were no schools in Middle Intervale nor Hapgood districts on account of the necessary scholars. The scholars in the Flat district were carried to West Bethel to some expense. All of the other districts have each had eight weeks' school. The vertical system of writing was introduced in each district in the winter term with flattering success. It is *the* system for young pupils.

I wish to express my appreciation of all efforts put forth, by teachers, pupils, and parents to make my work pleasant, and sincerely urge all right-minded persons to interest themselves in our schools, and to aid in every way in bringing them up to the highest standard possible.

I respectfully submit the following financial report :

RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEB. 1st, 1898.

Money Available for Schools.

Reported unexpended last year.....	\$ 6 54
Amount raised by town.....	2,000 00
Bank and mill fund from State.....	1,369 31
Received from Gilead.....	30 00
Due from Milton Plantation.. . . .	55 00
“ “ J. S. Swan.....	30 00
“ “ Albany	15 00
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Total.....	\$3,505 85

Bills have been approved as follows :

Elliot Rich, wood.....	\$ 40 95
Mrs. Edwin Magill, cleaning brick school-house.....	7 15
Nathan Stearns, wood.....	7 00

Cleaning school-house.....	1 50
Mrs. Wm. Griffin, cleaning school- house, W. Bethel.....	3 00
Hugh Pendexter, teaching.....	120 00
J. M. Bartlett, wood, E. Bethel.....	13 00
“ “ cleaning school-house, E. Bethel.....	3 00
Ethel Hammons, teaching.....	60 00
Mrs. Geo. Mason, cleaning school- house, N. W. Bethel.....	3 00
Bethel News, printing.....	4 45
Sadie Abbott, teaching.....	40 50
Mary C. Chapman, teaching....	60 00
Martha Gibson, “.....	60 00
Bertha M. Wiley, “.....	50 00
Clyde Bartlett, teaching and carrying scholars.....	60 00
Eva V. Twaddle, teaching.....	50 00
Geo. A. Plaisted, carrying scholars..	55 00
Alice Russell, teaching.....	50 00
J. M. Bartlett, carrying scholars.....	12 40
Ellicot Rich, “ “.....	20 00
Maud Merrow, teaching.....	60 00
Maud Bartlett, “.....	50 00
Walter Holmes, “.....	55 00
Frank Russell, carrying scholars....	10 00
Town of Woodstock, tuition.....	5 00
Alice Barker, teaching.....	50 00
Ethel Eames, “.....	50 00
P. C. Thomas, carrying scholars....	18 00
Ethel Morse, teaching.....	50 00
Eli F. Cushman, cleaning school-house,	2 00
Guy O. Small, teaching....	120 00
Eva V. Twaddle, “.....	30 00
— Bartlett, wood.....	6 75
Geo. Merrow, teaching.....	20 00

O. Buck, wood	8 00
Ivy Richardson, teaching	70 00
J. M. Bartlett, carrying scholars	20 00
Ethel Hammons, teaching	60 00
Sadie Abbott, "	50 00
Martha Gibson, "	60 00
Alice Russell, "	50 00
Winnie Hall, "	50 00
Ethel Richardson, "	50 00
Cora Farwell, "	50 00
Mary C. Chapman, "	60 00
Vera Merrill, "	50 00
Geo. A. Plaisted, carrying scholars	55 00
Addie Gordon, teaching	50 00
Maud Merrow, "	60 00
Elliot Rich, carrying scholars	20 00
E. L. Bean, cleaning school-house	1 00
Clyde Bartlett, teaching and carrying scholars	67 50
A. P. Burgess, carrying scholars	25 00
Guy O. Small, teaching	96 60
Geo. A. Plaisted, carrying scholars	44 00
P. C. Thomas, " "	24 00
C.F. Abbott, wood and cleaning school-house	12 50
Amy Bean, wood	4 00
A. S. Bean, wood and crayon	24 08
Geo. Harding, work	2 00
Martha Gibson, teaching	48 00
Mary C. Chapman, "	48 00
Ethel Hammons, "	48 00
Ellen Douglass, "	40 00
Clyde Bartlett, teaching and carrying scholars	56 00
Ethel Richardson, teaching	40 00
Maud Merrow, "	48 00

Alice Russell, teaching	40 00	
Florence Abbott, "	40 00	
Isaac Morrell, wood	4 25	
Barton Smith, teaching	45 00	
Chas. Swan, carrying scholars	10 00	
A. J. McAllister, carrying scholars . .	20 00	
J. M. Bartlett, " "	16 00	
Rufus Skillings, " "	7 00	
J. S. Hutchins, teaching	72 00	
Seth Walker, wood	4 00	
N. F. Brown, furnishings for schools,	4 17	
C. F. Abbott, cleaning school-house,	1 50	
L. A. York, sawing wood	1 00	
J. A. Thurston, wood	8 49	
A. F. Copeland, wood	7 00	
Town of Greenwood, tuition for Bird Hill scholars	31 00	
Total		\$2,950 19
Unexpended		\$ 555 66

Money Available For Repairs.

Unexpended last year	\$ 0 46	
Raised by town	150 00	
Total		\$150 46

Bills have been approved as follows :

D. A. Coffin, repairs on Milton Plan- tation school-house	\$ 40 60
D. M. Smith, repairs on school-house, Philbrook dis.	7 75

F. L. Edwards, boards and shingles for school-house, Philbrook dis.,	8 75	
Warren Small, work, Philbrook dis.,	1 00	
Hastings Bros., repairs in brick build- ing	69 78	
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		\$127 88
Unexpended		<hr/>
		\$ 22 58

Money Available for Books.

Reported unexpended last year,	\$3 43	
Raised by town	150 00	
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Total		\$153 43

Bills have been approved as follows :

G. T. R., express on books	\$ 2 81	
" " " " "	2 45	
D. M. Knowlton, rank cards	1 60	
J. L. Hammett & Co., books	8 64	
" " " " "	72 25	
Ginn & Co., books	14 25	
Wm. Ware & Co., writing books	21 70	
Geo. F. King, paper	3 00	
Leach, Shewell & Co., books	1 74	
G. R. Wiley, drum and books	5 45	
Ira Bean, maps	1 50	
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		\$135 39
Unexpended		<hr/>
		\$ 18 04

Bills have been approved contracted by
Mrs. O. M. Mason, last year, as follows :

O. M. Mason, books	\$ 8 34
Wm. Warner & Co., books	4 00
G. R. Wiley, sundries	2 03

\$ 14 37

Unexpended above all \$ 3 67

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. TWADDLE, *Superintendent.*

Warrant for Town Meeting.

To C. M. Wormell a constable in the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

GREETING: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in Odeon Hall, in said town, on the 7th day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the several town officers.
- Art. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To establish the method for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 8. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.
- Art. 10. To establish the price per day that the Road Commissioner shall receive for his services.
- Art. 11. To choose three members for a School Committee.
- Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the School Committee to unite with other towns in employing a Superintendent of Schools, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made for such a union.

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- Art. 13. To choose a Superintendent of schools and establish the pay for same.
- Art. 14. To choose all the necessary town officers.
- Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repairs of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.
- Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.
- Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to repair school-houses for the ensuing year.
- Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to purchase text-books for the ensuing year.
- Art. 19. To see what action the town will take to unite the two school districts at Northwest Bethel.
- Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise toward a Free High School, and to determine the method it shall be expended.
- Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.
- Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses.
- Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay on the town debt and interest on outstanding notes and bonds.
- Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to renew outstanding notes or hire money to pay the same.
- Art. 26. To see what sum of money the town will vote to

raise to pay for breaking roads the present winter.

- Art. 27. To receive and allow accounts.
- Art. 28. To see what action the town will take in relation to paying coupons of bridge bonds which have been lost by Mrs. C. C. Gary, valued at thirty dollars.
- Art. 29. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$1,070.56 expended in building the Pleasant river bridge and abutments.
- Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote to build the road at West Bethel ferry as laid out by the Selectmen Oct. 15th, 1897, and pay land damages to the amount of ten dollars as awarded to Wm. C. Chapman.
- Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote to build a ferry boat at West Bethel, and to determine the manner said boat shall be conducted.
- Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes unpaid upon a certain date and to fix that date.
- Art. 33. To see what discount will be made on all taxes paid before a certain date and to fix that date.
- Art. 34. To see if the town will accept the jury list as prepared by the Selectmen, Clerk, and Treasurer.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doing thereon.

The Selectmen will be in session at their office March 5th, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of revising the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 14th day of February, 1898.

HENRY FARWELL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
J. C. BILLINGS,		<i>of</i>
C. E. BARKER,		<i>Bethel.</i>

